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Cuban connection in Kennedy's death?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Schweiker says his staff is pursuing a number of leads on the assassination of President Kennedy that could link the 1963 slaying to either a pro-or anti-Cuban conspiracy.

The leads were not disclosed in the Senate intelligence committee's report on the assassination, Schweiker said. The committee report was released Wednesday, revealing a pattern of noncooperation between key CIA and FBI officials and the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

One lead mentioned in the Senate committee report, involving the "strange travel" of a Cuban-American with a possible tie to Oswald and Cuban intelligence, also is being pursued. Staffers are checking a reported sighting of the man in Dallas at the time of the Kennedy assassination in November 1963, Schweiker said.

The Pennsylvania Republican refused to disclose any details concerning one "very hot lead" that would link the assassination to an anti-Cuban group or another "very promising" lead involving pro-Cuban forces, saying to do so would jeopardize the investigation.

Schweiker commented following the release of a 106-page report Wednesday which said the CIA and FBI failed to follow up leads that "might have sub-

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stantially affected the course of the investigation" into whether there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

The committee stressed it did not uncover evidence justifying a conclusion that there was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy. But the panel said the failure of the CIA and FBI to pursue certain leads "impeaches the process" which led the Warren Commission to conclude that Oswald acted alone.

Noting the controversy that has surrounded the Kennedy assassination for more than 12 years, the committee said that "regrettably, this report will not put the matter to rest." The panel, which disbanded last month, recommended that the investigation be continued by the new permanent Senate Intelligence Committee.

Schweiker headed the panel's investigation into the Kennedy assassination but is not a member of the new committee.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, DHawaii, chairman of the new committee, predicted in an interview Wednesday that it would take about six months before the panel will be ready to decide whether to continue the probe.

The report released Wednesday described in detail three leads which raised the possibility of Cuban involvement but which it said were never adequately investigated.